GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL QUARRYING BAUXITE AND KHERIA
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the illegal quarrying being carried out in the Bauxite and Kheria(Chalk) quarries despite the completion of their lease period in Satna district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the action being taken by the Government to check the illegal quarrying?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): Under the provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960(MCR),if the application for renewal of mining lease ismade twelve months prior to the expiry of the lease period, the existing mining lease continues till the concerned State Governmentdisposes of the application for renewal of the mining lease.

Responsibility for checking illegal mining, if any, rests with the State Governments. Several provisions exist in the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 to curb illicit mining. Moreover, to further strengthen the provisions in this regard, under recently introduced Section 23C of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, StateGovernments have been empowered to make rules for preventing illegal mining.